(b)

(Rs. in crore)

Year	March, 2004	March, 2005	March, 2006	Sept., 2006*
Net Bank Credit	558849	717304	1017614	1125310
Adv. to SSI Sector	58278	67634	82434	86465
% of SSI Adv. to NBC	10.43	9.43	8.11	7.68

*Provisional.

(c) There is no target fixed for lending to SSI sector.

Prominence to WPI

†4333. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact in addition to the wholesale price index other price indices are also taken into account in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that wholesale price index is being given the prominence by Government while other countries of the world, consumer price index is considered prominent;

(d) if so, the reasons for giving prominence to wholesale price index in India; and

(e) the ratio of each food item in each index taken into account in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There are, at present, five such composite rates of inflation, *viz.* (i) Wholesale Price Index (WPI), (ii) Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW), (iii) Consumer Price Index for Urban Non-Manual Employees (CPI-UNME), (iv) Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labour (CPI-AL) and (v) Consumer Price Index for Rural Labour (CPI-RL).

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(c) No Sir. Several countries publish both the WPI and CPI based indices.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) The weightage of food items in various price indices are as below:

Indices	Weight (%) of food	Base year
WPI	26.94*	1993-94
CPI-IW	46.20	2001
CPI-UNME	47.13	1984-85
CPI-AL	69.15	1986-87
CPI-RL	66.77	1986-87

*Composite of food article and food products.

Growth rate of economy

†4334. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the annual rate of economic growth remaining at two digits in China, the rate of inflation is 3 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rate of inflation is also increasing in India alongwith an increase in the annual rate of growth; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Sir, as per the Report of the Asian Development Bank Outlook 2007, the growth rate of GDP and Consumer Price Index (CPI) based average annual inflation in China for the last five years are as follow:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
GDP Growth (%)	9.1	10.0	10.1	10.4	10.7
Inflation (%)	-0.8	1.2	3.9	1.8	1.5

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